

Five Plotted With Oswald, New Orleans Man Claims

New Orleans, Feb. 20—(UPI)—A former private detective says five persons were involved with Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and that he knows their identities.

David Lewis, a bus station express handler who worked as a private investigator here in the months before the assassination, said yesterday he has the names of the five persons who were allegedly involved in the planning phase of the plot on the President's life.

'Plenty of Help'

But Lewis said he would not disclose the names until he is permitted to do so by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who this weekend said the plot to assassinate Mr. Kennedy was hatched here.

Garrison has claimed that Oswald had plenty of help in devising the scheme, and vowed that he would prove his claim.

Garrison promised arrests and convictions from his investigation into the assassination.

Still in City

Lewis, who identified himself as one of the witnesses upon whose testimony Garrison's case will be constructed, said the five persons allegedly involved are still in New Orleans. Oswald was here for six months before the assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Garrison, who has blasted the Warren Commission report which ruled there was no conspiracy, said he would not turn over his investigation either to the FBI or the Justice Department.

"I am running this investigation," Garrison said yesterday, "not the attorney general. I am in charge of this operation, and I'm not about to turn it over to anybody."

Garrison said he would welcome federal assistance, but would not relinquish control.

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